

# NPU-N June Meeting

June 26th, 2025

NPU-N members present:

- Chair - Amy Stout
- Cabbagetown - Eric Foley
- Candler Park - Chris Spruell
- Druid Hills - Not Present
- Inman Park - Matt Weaver
- Lake Claire - Carol Holliday
- Little Five Business - Mack Headrick
- Little Five Community Center - Rich Pettit
- Poncey Highland - Beth McDonald
- Reynoldstown - Cooper Pierce
- City Planner - Tamaría Letang

## AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks/Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Fast Track suggestions
    - i. Candler Park Fall Fest
    - ii. Candler Park Golf Tournament
    - iii. V-25-119 1119 Kirkwood Ave
    - iv. Bell Street Burritos Liquor License
  - b. Agenda updated with the above agenda items on the fast track – unanimous
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve minutes with minor edits – unanimous
4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives (please allow public safety representatives to report first)
  - a. Atlanta Police Department - Captain Alneta Harris
    - i. Crime down over 20% overall
    - ii. Slight increase in burglary (one more incident than last month)
    - iii. Number one crime is vehicle break ins
    - iv. Landscapers have had issues with robberies from vehicles
    - v. Please do not approach burglars for your own safety
  - b. Atlanta Fire Rescue - Not present
  - c. ATL311 - Imani Banks
    - i. Non emergency issues (potholes, missed trash, etc)
    - ii. How to contact:
      1. Dial 3-1-1 inside city limits or 404-546-0311
      2. Visit and chat at [www.ATL311.com](http://www.ATL311.com)
      3. Email at [ATL311@atlantaga.gov](mailto:ATL311@atlantaga.gov)
      4. Download mobile app
      5. Reach out via social media @ATL311

- d. Department of Public Waste - Officer Spurlock ([ejspurlock@atlantaga.gov](mailto:ejspurlock@atlantaga.gov))
    - i. <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/public-works/office-of-solid-waste-services>
    - ii. No official word on delayed yard trimming pickup
    - iii. Question:
      - 1. Is there an issue with broken glass in trash?
        - a. Will follow up
      - 2. Can shredded paper go in recycling?
        - a. Will follow up
  - e. Atlanta Watershed – Tessa Winbigler
    - i. Thank you to Reynoldstown for being active in the adopt-a-drain program
  - f. Code Enforcement – Amber Taylor
    - i. 9 cases opened in the NPU in the last month
    - ii. Most of these are underway
  - g. Office of Ombudsman Of Neighborhoods - Amber Ware
    - i. Can help with any neighborhood issues such as ATL311 disputes
  - h. ATL Parks and Rec - Marvin Mosley
    - i. Summer camp is underway (Camp Best Friends) at every city of atlanta park June 9th to July 25th
    - ii. Therapeutic camp at Coan Park
    - iii. All outdoor pools are now open – free admission (12:30 pm - 7 pm)
    - iv. Splash Pads open at different parks
    - v. Questions:
      - 1. When does the Candler Park Golf Course reopen?
        - a. Will follow up
  - i. Office of City Solicitor – Mary-Anne Uzoka ([uuzoka@atlantaga.gov](mailto:uuzoka@atlantaga.gov))
    - i. Jurisdiction includes traffic citations, misdemeanors, and some code enforcement cases
    - ii. Investigations of city commercial harassment ordinance
    - iii. There are diversion programs for traffic citations to get charges dismissed
5. Comments from Elected Officials
- a. Office of Liliana Bakhtiari - Patrick Husbands
    - i. Fiscal Year 26 budget adopted
      - 1. New minimum wage up to 20 dollars
    - ii. Cool Roof Ordinance was passed
      - 1. Requires reflective roofing materials on new or repaired buildings
    - iii. Tree Protection Ordinance passed
      - 1. Took about 4 years to pass
      - 2. Councilmember was not thrilled with the bill but it is progress
      - 3. New rules effective as of January
    - iv. Contact:
      - 1. <https://www.district5atl.com/>
      - 2. [lbakhtiari@atlantaga.gov](mailto:lbakhtiari@atlantaga.gov)

3. [ncappon@atlantaga.gov](mailto:ncappon@atlantaga.gov)
  4. [phusbands@atlantaga.gov](mailto:phusbands@atlantaga.gov)
  5. 404-330-6048
  - v. Krog St tunnel will need repairs for concrete falling off of the ceiling
  - b. Councilmember Julian Bond's Office – Amber Madison
    - i. Fresh and Free food July 2nd at Mt Vernon Baptist Church at pm
    - ii. 404-330-6770
    - iii. [mbond@atlantaga.gov](mailto:mbond@atlantaga.gov)
    - iv. [amadison@atlantaga.gov](mailto:amadison@atlantaga.gov)
    - v. Questions:
      1. Is he satisfied with current tree protection?
        - a. He says that he will keep fighting
6. APAB Report
    - a. No Report
  7. Planner's Report
    - a. Following Applications supported by NPU and
      - i. Z-25-10, Z-24-82 – supported by both NPU and ZRB
    - b. Z-25-04 – ZRB voted to approve it but NPU did not
      - i. Administrative variance for Tree Protection Ordinance
      - ii. We were presented something at the NPU meeting that was not the same as what was at the ZRB meeting
      - iii. Brought in a “substitute” for the legislation at the open meeting
    - c. Dashboard available at [npuatlanta.org](http://npuatlanta.org)
    - d. Updates
      - i. All 25 NPUs supported Plan A
        1. City Council will take final votes on June 24th and July 7th
      - ii. NPU University is hosting urban planning academy
        1. Enrollment at [npuatlanta.org](http://npuatlanta.org)
    - e. When will Zoning 2.0 be voted on?
      - i. Scheduled for January 2026 (draft open until September)
  8. Matters for Voting (please see attachment)
    - a. Fast Track
      - i. Candler Park Fall Fest
      - ii. Candler Park Golf Tournament
      - iii. V-25-119 – 1119 Kirkwood Ave
      - iv. Bell Street Burritos Liquor License
      - v. **Motion to approve - unanimous**
    - b. Forward, Warrior!!
      - i. 11th year of Atlanta's favorite outdoor arts event
      - ii. Amplify artist voices and paint murals
      - iii. Saturday September 13th
      - iv. 97 Estoria is partnering for the event
      - v. About half of Wylie St will be blocked off

- vi. No parking, please take transit, walk, etc. (Tye, Estoria, and Powell has no parking for vendors)
- vii. There will be a kids zone with painting activities
- viii. Partnering with Cabbagetown Tour of Homes
- ix. Motion to approve - unanimous

c. V-25-115

- i. Variance for 471 Clifton Rd NE
- ii. Motion to support variance based on the site plan presented May 7th, 2025 - unanimous

d. Adding Cabbagetown Initiative to the NPU-N Board

- i. Over a year ago, CI petitioned to join the NPU board
- ii. Non-profit organizations are allowed to apply as board members
  - 1. Little Five Points Business Association and Little Five Points Community Center are already 2 of these members
- iii. Mission is to energize public spaces
  - 1. 2 city parks, mural wall, community center
- iv. Trying to make CI a better partner for neighborhoods around Cabbagetown
- v. Questions
  - 1. Would there ever be a situation where his vote would differ from the overall Cabbagetown vote?
    - a. We have different goals from CNIA, but similar interests
- vi. Motion to support inclusion of CI in executive committee
  - 1. Yes: 7
  - 2. No: 0
  - 3. Abstain: 1

9. Matters for Review and Comment

- a. No Comments

10. Presentations

- a. William Booth Towers from Wingate - Grayson Sallade
  - i. 1125 Ponce De Leon Ave NE
  - ii. 100 units of elderly section 8 units
  - iii. Constructed in 1988, not much rehab since then
  - iv. Wingate will renew Section 8 contract and affordability for 20 years
  - v. Applying for tax exempt bonds to update the interior of the building
  - vi. Rent will remain the same as it is now (<30% of income)
  - vii. No permanent displacement of tenants
  - viii. Increasing accessibility throughout
  - ix. Timeline
    - 1. Sept 2025 - assume mgmt
    - 2. Oct 2025 - apply for tax credits
    - 3. Oct 2026 - begin project
    - 4. Project to take about 10 months
  - x. Poncey Highland strongly supports

xi. Motion to write letter of support – unanimous

11. Old Business

- a. Community Impact Grant
  - i. Check has been cut and deposited in the bank
  - ii. Beth McDonald will serve as lead for Poncey Highland portion

12. New Business

13. Announcements

- a. Findley Plaza still in the works
  - i. Meeting with GA Power because there was an issue with a light
  - ii. Contractor has been secured
  - iii. Concerned that we are too close to Halloween to finish in time
- b. There Is Another Way (movie)
  - i. Documentary about Palestinian and Israeli soldiers
  - ii. Screening at 7 Stages on July 19th
- c. Focus group with the city to address code enforcement
  - i. If anyone has pain points, please let Carol know
- d. Mack Headrick will run time keeping for the meeting in July

14. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:28